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## **PRISON SENTENCES IMPOSED IN METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY**

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on November 27, 2006, and December 4, 2006, **BERNARD K. BRUCE, a/k/a "Kevin Bruce,"** age 44, of Eldorado, Illinois, along with **KEITH A. KIMMEL,** age 47, and **PAMELA D. ROBINSON, a/k/a Pamela Rowden,** age 44, both of Murphysboro, Illinois, were sentenced in United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. BRUCE, KIMMEL, and ROBINSON had previously pled guilty to conspiracy to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. BRUCE and KIMMEL were sentenced to 262 months' imprisonment, 10 years' supervised released, and were fined \$975. ROBINSON was sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment, 5 years' supervised release, and was fined \$600. Both BRUCE and KIMMEL received enhanced sentences based on their classification as Career Offenders.

The violation occurred between September 3, 2002, and November 3, 2005, in Jackson, Williamson, Saline and Union Counties. Co-defendants have previously been sentenced to 188 months' imprisonment, 120 months' imprisonment, and 84 months' imprisonment, respectively, for their roles in the methamphetamine conspiracy.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Murphysboro Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, and United States Marshals Service pursuant to their participation in the Jackson County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. The Harrisburg Police Department, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Zeigler Police Department and Southern Illinois Enforcement Group also assisted in the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.